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Riders on National Public Service Biodiesel Bus Tour to Help Seattle's EarthCorps Restore Me-Kwa-Mooks Park; City Officials to Welcome Group

Group Also to Learn About University of Washington Sustainability Efforts

What: The thirteen riders on the Udall Legacy Bus Tour will join with Seattle EarthCorps volunteers to restore native habitat in Me-Kwa-Mooks Park as part of their national journey promoting public service on environmental and Native American issues. Before the day's volunteer efforts begin, city officials and EarthCorps directors will officially welcome the group. EarthCorp's restoration program is one of two dozen initiatives nationwide being highlighted this summer by the cross-country Udall Legacy Bus Tour. Two days later, the group will learn about sustainability initiatives at the University of Washington, which is one of eleven campuses the Tour is visiting this summer. The Udall Legacy Bus Tour is highlighting communities and young people nationwide finding solutions to America's pressing environmental and Native American issues. The carbon neutral tour travels in a motor coach which uses a blend of 20% biodiesel and 80% ultra low sulfur diesel and is the first motor coach approved by the University of Vermont's "Green Coach Certification" program.

When and Where:

Saturday, July 21

Me-Kwa-Mooks Park (4503 Beach Dr. SW, Seattle)

10:00 – 11:00 AM: Remarks by city officials and EarthCorps directors

Invited Speakers: Representatives from the Office of the Mayor and the King County Global Warming Initiative

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM: Volunteer Restoration Project

Monday, July 23

University of Washington, Merrill Hall Commons (3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle)

9:45 – 11:00 AM: Discussion Panel about Sustainability Efforts at the University of Washington

Panel Speakers:

- Anita Bowers – Assistant Director, Food Services
- J.R. Fulton – Architect, LEED AP, HFS Capital Planning and Sustainability Manager
- Sterling Luke - Mason/Plasterer, Physical Plant Mason/Roofing Shop
- A.J. Van Wallendael – Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee Coordinator
- Clara Simon – Sustainability Manager, UW Capital Projects Office
- Anthony Guerrero – Facilities Services Director, UW Bothell

Who: (speakers listed above); 13 college-age riders from the national Udall Legacy Bus Tour promoting public service on environmental and Native American issues. The tour has been organized by the Morris K. Udall Foundation, an independent federal agency that awards the premier merit-

based scholarships, fellowships and internships for studies related to the environment and Native American policy in the United States.

Why: Kayanna Warren (Udall Scholar '04 & '05), one of the riders on the Udall Legacy Bus Tour, is a former EarthCorps crew member and an alumna of the University of Washington (2006). "At a time when the news about the environment emphasizes the problems only, we felt that this bus tour could tell a different story – a story about the positive solutions being found by our young Udall alumni, cities, tribal communities and others," said Chris Helms, executive director of the Udall Foundation.

Visuals: First-ever green-certified biodiesel motor coach at Me-Kwa-Mooks Park with backdrop of Puget Sound, uniformed Udall Legacy Bus tour riders.

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More information on the bus tour and the Foundation is available at www.udall.gov

More information about EarthCorps is available at www.earthcorps.org

More information about sustainability at UW is available at

<http://depts.washington.edu/poeweb/news/susuw.html>